

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Members Present..... Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff,
Commissioner Jim Rokosch, Commissioner Alan Thompson, and Commissioner Greg
Chilcott

Date.....April 2, 2008

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► Commissioner Driscoll attended the LTAP/Road Supervisors Training in Helena.

► The Board met with Sgt. Ken Bridenbock, the new Detachment Supervisor for the Montana Highway Patrol in Ravalli County for an introduction and discussion of concerns and priorities within the county. Sgt. Bridenbock discussed the DUI processing center at the Sheriff's Office. He stated he sees some problems, liability, and officer safety issues to the processing (intoxilizer) center. The area is small and back in a broom closet area. Dealing with intoxicated people is difficult and can be dangerous to the officer. This small room does not allow any back up personnel and no room for the officer to maneuver. Field sobriety which includes the use of a camera and taping the suspect is done in the jail area which can pose a problem during prisoner transport. He stated these safety issues are important and understands Sheriff Hoffman has discussed building a new room off of the Sally Port to keep the intoxilizer room away from the jail and allows a bigger area. He stated he is certainly willing to see what the state can provide to a new plan and asked the Commissioners if they were willing to check on a new area for this processing center.

Commissioner Chilcott asked if the cage in the Sally Port could be moved in order to place this center. Sgt. Bridenbock stated they might have a problem planning the property cage in another location. He also noted the intoxilizer and FST area needs to be placed in two separate areas. Intoxilizer machines are very expensive and must be kept in a secure and separate area.

Commissioner Rokosch stated the idea is to have a separate room for the intoxilizer. Sgt. Bridenbock addressed the logistics of the Sally Port and an expansion between the Sally Port and the entrance to the Jail and Justice Court. While that would be expensive, it would take care of the officer safety/liability issue. Suggestions included the Montana Vo-Tech and Trapper Job Corp. for workers.

Commissioner Rokosch asked if there are any standard designs for the DUI Processing. Sgt. Bridenbock stated there are no standard designs; they just need a simple open and larger space for the DUI/FST and processing which includes a separate intoxilizer room. He stated a representative from the Crime Lab could assist in the design of this center.

Commissioner Chilcott stated the issue comes down to money and they would need to explore this issue. Glenda discussed the results of the Officers not bringing in DUI Offenders because of the poor processing center. She indicated Sgt. Fowler had advised her that many officers are not as aggressive in DUI Offender detection which in turn brings down the Justice Court and DUI Reinstatement Fees as well as places the citizens in jeopardy by having the DUI offenders on the roads.

The Board concurred they would appreciate Sgt. Bridenbock's assistance in looking into any state monies, grants etc. Sgt. Bridenbock concurred with Glenda as if they do not arrest the DUI offenders; they have more crash's and traffic offenses.

Commissioner Chilcott agreed the important issues are the care and custody of prisoners and a new DUI processing center.

Sgt. Bridenbock stated including himself there are 8 MHP officers in this detachment. This area has the highest fatalities due to the demographics, road way conditions, weather and traffic speed. Road rage complaints due to the four lanes have gone down, but there are higher speeds on the four lanes. Due to the gas prices, some towing vehicles and large truckers are slowing down.

Commissioner Rokosch stated his concerns with the new liquor licenses that are granted and the motor vehicle accidents and E.R. medical treatment due to intoxicated individuals. He stated this is an important public health and safety issue and it is frustrating to spend money in one area when these issues continue to go on and are made worse by the legislature granting more liquor licenses and increasing speed limits.

Sgt. Bridenbock stated with the new legislative session, MHP is proposing the seat belt requirement become a primary seat belt law. Commissioner Chilcott replied good luck on that one because some Montanans think this is a personal freedom issue. Commissioner Grandstaff stated her perception from a lot of citizens is that they think it is law enforcement's excuse to pull someone over. Commissioner Rokosch sympathized with the needs of law enforcement because his wife is an ER and Flight Nurse, and motor vehicle accidents is what brings people into the ER, particularly when they do not wear seatbelts. He also asked how many are fully insured and take full responsibility for not wearing a helmet or seatbelt. Sgt. Bridenbock replied by not wearing a seat belt, civil

liability is waived. When the law in Montana changed for the requirement of seatbelts being a secondary stop, the compliance of people wearing seatbelts went from 50% to 80%. In regard to stats and loss of revenue for paying taxes and being out of work, it dropped 20%, hospital stays are much less for those wearing seat belts and fatalities much higher for those not wearing a seat belt. Monetarily, enacting a seat belt law saves Montanans.

Commissioner Chilcott stated this becomes a political debate instead of a practical debate. Sgt. Bridenbock asked the Commissioners if they would support repealing that part of the law for civil liability if they would not support the primary seat belt law. Montana is the only state in the nation that does not have primary child seat belt law. Laws that are changed do change the mind set of the drivers. The lack of speed laws created higher speeds, more fatalities, and then with the speed law it changed over night. He stated there are lots of statistics available on the monetary issues due to medical expenses etc. As the DUI Task Force Coordinator, Glenda stated she would like to see Ravalli County 'step up' like they did on the Open Container Ordinance. Florida went from Primary to Secondary and their fatalities increased dramatically. It comes down to the attitude of the motoring public. She felt the legislature needs to see this as a good thing because it is a tool to safeguard people.

Commissioner Rokosch asked about the per capita rates for Ravalli County in regard to having the highest fatality. He requested to see these stats for the development, fatalities and loading on these highways. Sgt. Bridenbock stated every year highway patrol puts out a report on statewide crash data as does the Department of transportation. He will send those reports over to Commissioner Rokosch as well as the weekly fatal reports.

Minutes: Beth Perkins

► The Board met with Christopher Boyer for a presentation on aerial photography and photo illustration for Land Use. Present were Planning Director Karen Hughes, Civil Counsel Karen Mahar, Executive Director of Bitterroot Water Forum Laurie Riley, Planner Vanessa Morrell, Planner Renee Lemon, Planner Shaun Morrell, Floodplain Administrator Laura Hendrix, GIS Ken Miller, GIS Mike Snook, Dave Schultz, Les Rutledge, Stewart Brandborg, George Marshall, Lee Kierig, Roger DeHaan and several citizens.

Commissioner Grandstaff called the meeting to order and requested the presentation to begin.

Laurie introduced Christopher Boyer with Kestrel Aerial Services to the Board.

Chris stated he has done a lot of river and stream restoration using aerial photos. He is a pilot and photographer. He discussed the context of Land Use decisions with the planning maps. He explained the difference of vertical versus oblique on a regional scale. He showed various photos from different angles to demonstrate the context and how it can be interpreted. It included what density looks like from an aerial view.

Chris showed the process of illustrating a piece of land showing multiple subdivisions at different stages and how it can be used in zoning. Chris stated he has done this type of work for Gallatin County and several non-profits. The cost of doing a full workup of illustrations, photos, and flying is in the \$2,000 to \$2,500 range.

Commissioner Rokosch stated the images are very striking. He has difficulty with density on the existing maps available. He sees a lot of value to having this done. This is a potential illustration of some of the options of what zoning could look like.

Commissioner Chilcott stated he does not want to use scare tactics through images generated on the computer. He stated if they could modify the illustrations and not take a long time to get back, it would be useful. Chris replied it was not supposed to be used as a scare tactic. All illustrations are created with the input from the Planning Department and the Commissioners. They are illustrations and should be presented to the people as such.

Civil Counsel Karen Mahar asked if Chris has talked to GIS Department for the format of the information. Chris replied it is a format completely compatible with any computer user such as a JPEG format. Ken Miller stated GIS is handy with PhotoShop and spent a lot of time mapping what is there. His concern is the time involved with mapping what is not there yet. He does not see it as something mixed.

Chris stated it is not data but a subjective image. Karen Hughes stated it is visualization to a purpose and a tool to use ongoing. There are software packages that you could play with over time to work better with site specifics.

Laurie stated she was looking at this for education and as an outreach tool. She was envisioning it as an opportunity to look into the future with showing the impacts through visualization. She stated with having it site specific; it would have an impact on the citizens. It is a show to take on the road for education. Chris stated the serious work of laying out the county is GIS work. He is offering a separate service with his work.

Commissioner Rokosch asked if Chris could take a certain landscape and develop rates of growth such as a status quo alternative. Chris replied yes he could with information supplied by GIS or the Planning Board. Commissioner Rokosch stated it would help people who have a hard time visualizing it and to inform. Commissioner Grandstaff agreed with Commissioner Rokosch and stated it could be used to educate and inform people and not a scare tactic. It is more of an impact to have an image than trying to explain verbally.

Renee asked if Chris had specifics with Gallatin County on how his products changed the minds of people with zoning. Chris replied he has provided them with general photo illustrations and people became a lot more riveted with the landscape.

Roger stated they have been trying to encourage people to consider the build-out zoning scheme. It would be a double whammy with a photo illustration. Chris stated if people were asked about high density housing, you would get a general negative response. With imagery, it is useful to focus attention and realization.

Laurie pointed out Chris would work on customized data such as a conservation easement or 20 acre minimum lots. The presentation carries a lot of accountability.

Chris stated what was an unreal concept a couple of years ago is very real today.

Karen Hughes stated the Planning Department has discussed incorporating visualization techniques. She discussed having a density demonstration and thinking about doing it community by community. She stated she has questions such as: At what point should it be done? Who pays? And how much time does it take?

Commissioner Grandstaff stated she was thinking about doing one presentation for the south valley but doing more is a good idea. Chris stated in terms of time, once the Planning Department and the Board decides what they want; it is little time for actual product. The package would include 3 to 4 illustrations and 80 to 100 images of the community. Commissioner Rokosch stated he agrees with the need of the south valley for the illustrations. He suggested tailoring it to the first draft zoning maps.

Shaun asked about the package price including 3 to 4 illustrations. He asked what the cost would be of doing additional illustrations. Chris replied he would go over a project rate sheet for cost.

Roger stated most of the images seen were on open ground. What about forested areas? Chris replied the forested areas are difficult but the clearest images would be the meadows.

Lee Kierig stated he is in full support of utilizing this tool and would encourage the Board to take this opportunity for visualization.

Les Rutledge stated he is not clear of the information for sale. Chris replied it is paying for his time to create illustrations and aerial photos. GIS has the same software he is using.

Dave Schultz stated in the future with having a subdivision proposed, it could be used to consider alternatives.

Commissioner Grandstaff stated she would like to pursue this but the question is money. Commissioner Rokosch asked if Comprehensive Planning money could be used. Karen replied the money is already spent. Commissioner Grandstaff stated the Board will have to speak with Klarryse for funding options. Commissioner Chilcott stated he would like to see a proposal first with the full scope and opportunity to choose options. He stated he wants to do everything possible to justify the cost and address the trust issues with the

people. He wants the Board to be transparent for the people with these illustrations. Commissioner Rokosch stated he is in agreement with Commissioner Chilcott. To his understanding, they would be taking these illustrations and showing different cases of density to the people such as 1 to 5 ratio up to 1 to 20, etc. Chris replied he could do a proposal with the cost of each individual illustration. Commissioner Rokosch stated he would like to see a proposal and then he will address funding with Klarryse. Commissioner Chilcott expressed his concerns with the possible need for an RFP. Civil Counsel Karen Mahar stated she will provide a legal answer.

It was the Board's consensus to have Chris provide a proposal to view.